



ENVIRONMENTAL LITERACY: CHESAPEAKE BAY IMPLEMENTATION GRANT

*to support projects for K-12 student
stream studies and stewardship*

The State of Maryland is seeking to engage new partners to work with school systems to involve more Maryland students in studying and monitoring streams, and initiating stewardship actions to preserve the health of our waterways. The program, made possible through the Environmental Protection Agency's Chesapeake Bay Implementation Grants, will benefit Maryland students, support and advance State education requirements and help meet the Environmental Literacy goals of the 2014 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement.

SOLICITATION PACKAGE

WHO: Funding is available to government agencies (county, municipal, regional, state, Federal) and non-governmental organizations, including academic institutions such as school systems or institutions of higher education, environmental education centers or organizations, conservation districts, faith-based organizations, and other groups. School systems (Local Education Agencies or LEAs) are encouraged to apply, with outside partners to assist with environmental content and practices. For applicants who are not from a school system, partnership with at least one school system is required (multiple preferred), and a letter of support from the superintendent(s) must be provided. Applicants must have the demonstrated capacity to work with multiple schools to amplify the reach of the stream study program.

WHAT: The solicitation seeks innovative and effective proposals that work toward systemic implementation of the stream program within school systems, support achievement of educational requirements, and emphasize sustained learning from classroom to the outdoors. Strong proposals will demonstrate student issues investigation, teacher professional development, and meaningful student stewardship components. Grants will be awarded by an inter-agency review panel based on these elements as well as cost-effectiveness, location, and readiness to proceed.

WHEN: Proposals are due by April 22, 2016. Awards will be announced by July 1, 2016. Awards are for one year (up to two years with approval).

AMOUNT: Up to \$200,000 will be granted, on a reimbursable basis. There is no maximum request. Average awards expected approximately \$50,000 – 75,000 each.

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APPLY: Grants Online System at <http://mesgis.com/grantsonline/>

MORE INFORMATION: dnr2.maryland.gov/Education/Pages/streamed.aspx



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